

...THIS IS SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK...

The National Weather Service along with Nebraska Emergency Management and the Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Division have declared March 23 through March 27 as Severe Weather Awareness Week. Each day during the awareness week will feature information about a different severe weather related topic. Today's topic is:



Lightning and Flood Threats

While much of the focus during severe weather is on tornadoes, wind and hail, there are actually more deaths caused each year by flooding and lightning, which are also commonly associated with severe weather.

If you hear thunder or see lightning, head inside immediately!

When Thunder Roars Go Indoors! Heavy rainfall from thunderstorms can quickly cause rivers to overrun their banks and cause street flooding in urban settings. Remember, if you encounter a flooded roadway, do NOT drive or walk into it. Turn Around Don't Drown! Visit weather.gov/lightningsafety and weather.gov/floodsafety or more safety tips and information.

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